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Re: FCC LPFM Docket: MM Docket 99-25

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to comment on the consideration of Low Power FM licensing by the Federal Communications Commission. I first wish to give my sincere thanks to the FCC for considering such action. I believe a move opening up freedom of speech on America's airwaves that allows those with little financial backing to pursue a community radio station is extremely beneficial to this country. The FCC's action is a sign of forward thinking, and a tremendous ability to sort through both sides of the argument to seek common ground.

Without question, low power broadcasting has significant advantages to communities throughout the nation. For small towns, such a move would allow a legal method of broadcasting and speaking to residents without considerable cost. For large cities, it presents an opportunity for neighborhood broadcasting, and giving choice from broadcasting monopolies for broadcasting news and entertainment. Of all of the classifications, I find the 'micro radio' classification (1 to 10 watts) to be significantly powerful for community broadcasting, although would encourage the wattage be increased to 15 or 20 watts. No matter the maximum wattage, it could have significant benefits to the community.

I am certain the National Association of Broadcasters will be heavily opposed to this measure because it has the potential to hurt their member's earnings. However, I hold great hope that the Federal Communications Commission can see beyond political organizations that only act in the interest of their financial bottom line, and find a way to improve our communities. Low power broadcasting is a risky move, but one that has the potential to make the American airwaves the most free, entertaining, and informative in the world.

As a taxpayer and fan of low power micro radio broadcasting, I support the FCC's proposal, and hope that the FCC will find a way to make the proposal reality.

Thank you for reading my comments, and for considering your proposal of improving the American airwaves by creating legal low power FM broadcasting.

Sincerely,



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